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SugarHouse doubles down on expansion

Casino will discuss expansion with city today ◗ First year of Philly gambling hasn't brought addiction problems some critics charged ◗ Revenue, also, hasn't continued to grow each month

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▶ SugarHouse hopes even more people join the party as the casino enters its second year.

One year after Philadelphia's first foray into legalized gaming with the opening of SugarHouse Casino, questions still remain about the effect the casino has had on the community.

SugarHouse, which opened its doors on Delaware Avenue on the Fishtown-Northern Liberties border last September, ranks ninth-busiest among the state's 10 casinos based on average revenue per slot machine. Yet, the casino is set to expand on its current 1,600 slots and 53 table games.

"There's a huge demand on table games, and our slot business is great and growing," said spokeswoman Leigh Whitaker.

While critics claim that most of the casino's patrons come from the community, there has not been a noticeable increase in problem gambling reports, according to a statewide help center.

"We do see an increase in minorities since SugarHouse opened because SugarHouse gets a lot of minority, inner-city folks plus a lot of seniors, and so does Parx in Bensalem," said Jim Pappas, executive director of the Council on Compulsive Gambling. As officials try to provide outreach to combat gaming's addictive nature, the city has received $2.1 million for education about problem gambling.

"It's important to include those services among our other addiction services, and that's regardless of whether or not there's a casino in the city," said Gary Brown of the city Department of Behavioral Health.

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By the numbers

$12.65M

Average gross terminal revenue at SugarHouse from October 2010 through June 2011, ninth-highest among the state's 10 casinos during that period.

$5.6M

Amount SugarHouse has contributed to Philadelphia in the first seven months of 2011 for gaming fees.

More slots, tables, food if casino expands

CITY HALL. SugarHouse is expected to go before the city's Planning Commission today with an informational presentation on its expansion, but it has not announced any details.

"We're sort of in that process right now where we're figuring out what components we want to add. We're having those conversations now," Whitaker said. "It would include some additional slot machines, additional tables, additional food and beverage."

Whitaker said the casino would need additional permits for new construction and that a hotel is not included in the second phase. ● METRO/SDL

In the news

Vamoose, Peter Nero

The Philadelphia Orchestra parted ways with Peter Nero and the Philly Pops yesterday. The two parties reached the mutual separation agreement during bankruptcy proceedings, ending a seven-year partnership. The agreement will help the orchestra achieve long-term stability.

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▶ Viaduct

Reading Viaduct park debated

The City Council's Committee on Rules will meet today to consider action on the creation of the Callowhill Reading Viaduct Neighborhood Improvement District.

The creation of the district would allow it to apply for grant funding to help subsidize both street improvements and the long-awaited renovation of the SEPTA-owned portion of the Reading Viaduct.

"While the first phase of the Neighborhood Improvement District is to help the neighborhood itself, we want to have in place a mechanism so that when everyone is successful in getting the viaduct improved, there's sustainable funding," said Paul Levy of the Center City District in an interview earlier this month. ● METRO/AW

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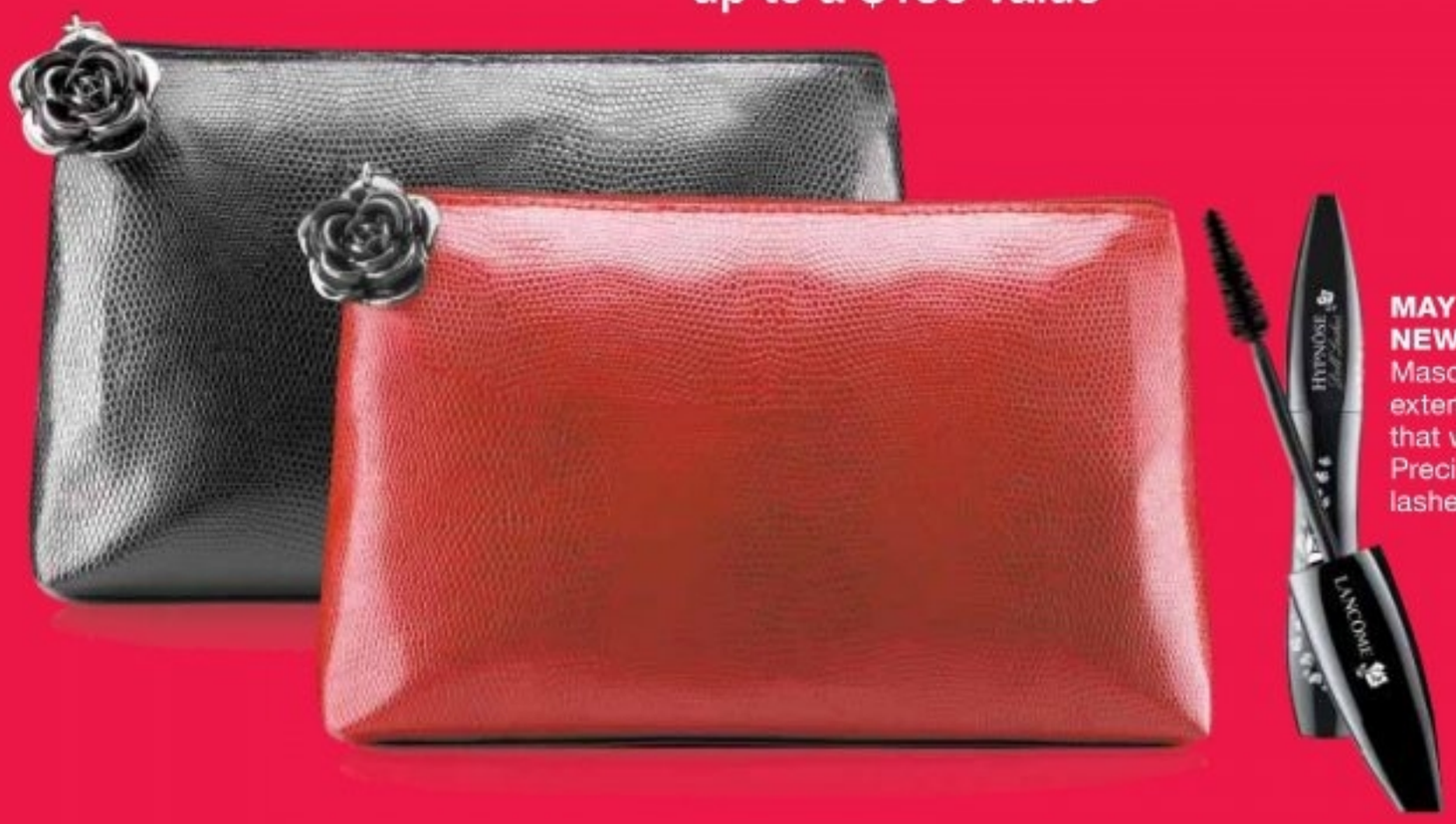

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Pit bulls pulled from backyard trash piles

Cops saved sickly dogs from allegedly abusive owner They were buried in mounds of trash

All three animals seized by the PSPCA in Strawberry Mansion on Sunday afternoon are expected to make a full recovery, said spokeswoman Wendy Marano.

"The animals are continuing to receive veterinary care," Marano said. "One dog was so skinny and so emaciated it couldn't even walk — but today we had it out and walking a little bit."

Two pit bulls and a cat were removed from a home on the 2600 block of North 23rd Street after the police department, while serving a warrant, saw an emaciated dog buried in backyard trash.

"All three animals are very sweet, friendly and trusting," Marano said. "We'll slowly get them back up to weight — we don't want to tax their systems. But I don't think they'll have a problem finding a home."

Marano said the PSPCA will determine later in the week when the animals will be up for adoption.

Cruelty charges have been filed against two men at the home, but the pets' owner may face more serious charges.

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PSPCA

▶ This pup needs a new owner who won't put her in the trash.

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▶ Archie has resigned from the embattled SRC.

Archie ousts self from SRC

The shakeup at the Philadelphia School District continued yesterday as two members of the School Reform Commission resigned amid calls for the board's ouster.

Robert Archie and Johnny Irizarry both submitted their resignations to Mayor Michael Nutter after serving for about two and a half years. The five-member panel has been criticized for their handling of former Superintendent Arlene Ackerman's $905,000 buyout last month. Archie, who had served as chairman, was also being investigated for allegedly conspiring with state Rep. Dwight Evans to appoint a manager for Martin Luther King High School.

Several state lawmakers have proposed getting rid of the commission, which was created in 2001 as part of the state takeover, and going back to an elected school board. Nutter, however, said he plans to name replacements for Archie and Irizarry soon.

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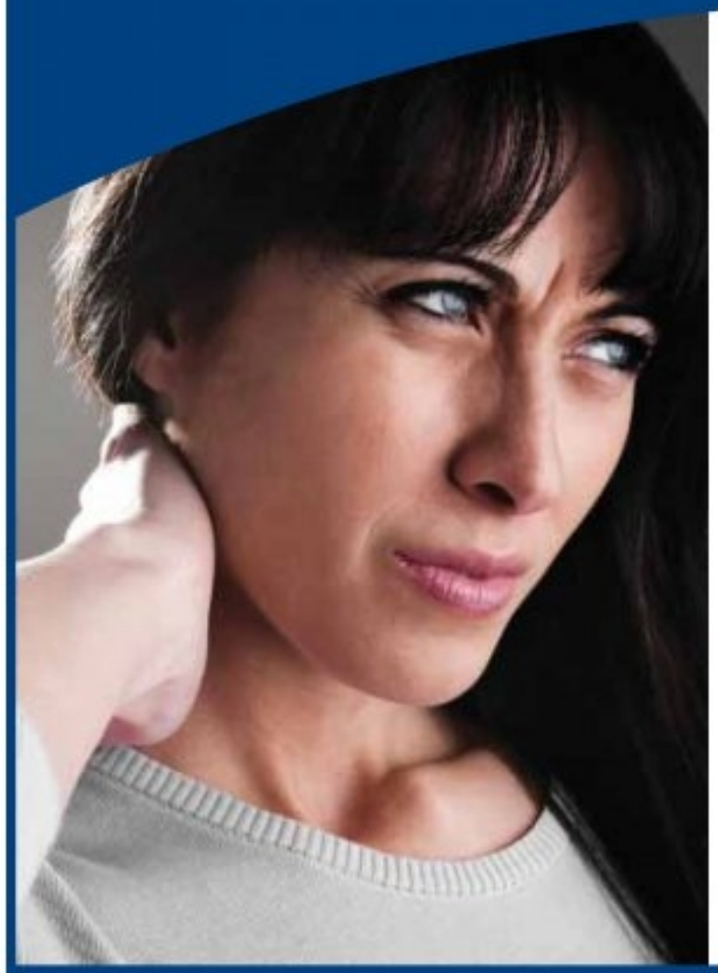

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Rollins hops on Buffett bandwagon

Jimmy Rollins is "blessed to pay a lot in taxes" and willing to pay more, according to the October issue of Philadelphia Magazine due out later this week and posted on the magazine's website yesterday.

In the article, the Phillies shortstop and former National League MVP isn't that concerned with talking baseball this time around. Rollins shares a similar way of thinking about taxes with investor Warren Buffett. He says he's concerned with the issue of the rich paying fewer in taxes than others struggling to pay their bills.

"If it's going to lift two families up, go 'head, tax me more, I can handle it."
ROLLINS

"If it's going to lift two families up, go 'head, tax me more, I can handle it," says Rollins.

What inspired Rollins to voice his opinion? A recent New York Times op-ed written by Buffett caught his attention.

"Warren Buffett pays less taxes percentage-wise than his secretary, you catch that?" Rollins asks in author Tim Whitaker's story. "How can that be?"

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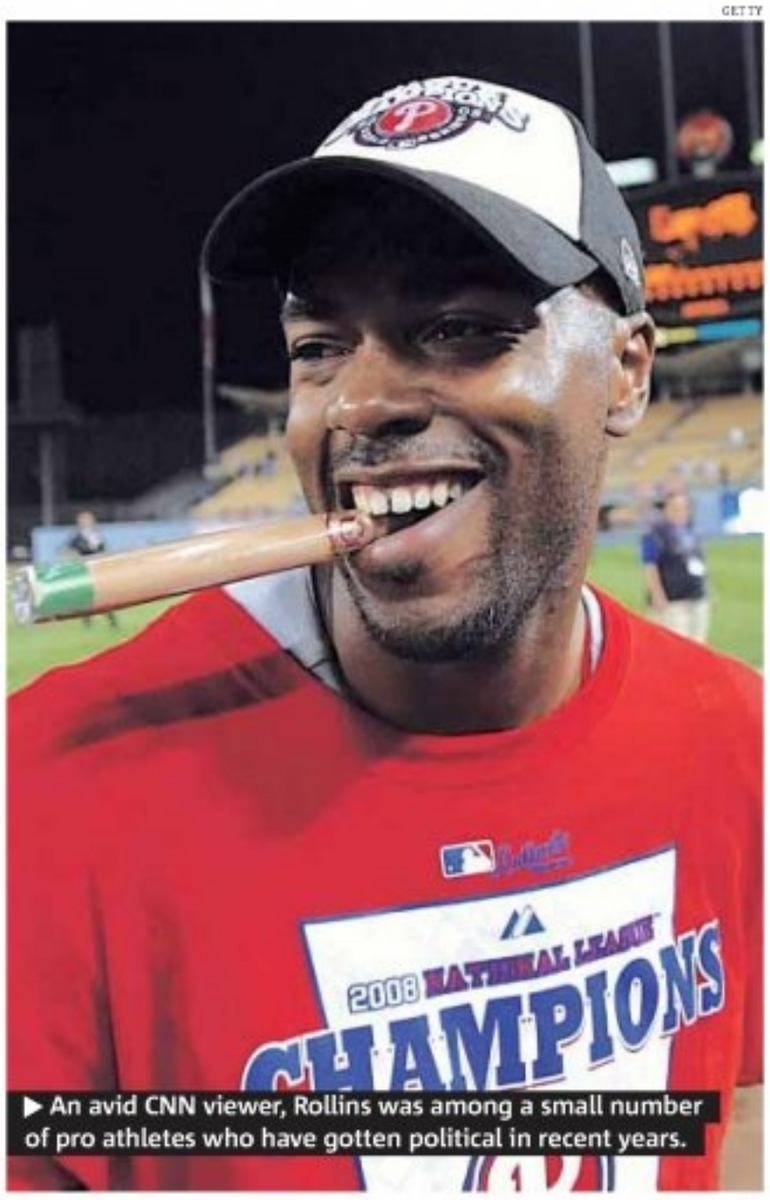

▶ An avid CNN viewer, Rollins was among a small number of pro athletes who have gotten political in recent years.

Catholic teachers reach deal

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will re-open 17 high schools today after teachers approved a new contract yesterday, ending a nine-day strike.

The Association of Catholic Teachers voted 589 to 41 in favor of the three-year deal. The agreement gives teachers security, while phasing in many of the changes the archdiocese had sought.

"When you're trying to make very necessary changes, we all pay the price for that because this is a contract now and for the future," said Secretary of Catholic Education Richard McCarron. According to the Archdiocese, as part of the agreement all teachers will be required to use the online course management system.

The archdiocese will also implement national technology standards for teaching and will be able to hire part-time teachers to expand course offerings. Teachers will now work for 190 days, up from 187, and the instructional period will be lengthened next year.

"Our teachers could not be happier to head back," said ACT President Rita Schwartz. Students will have to make up the four days missed, but it is not clear exactly when.

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▶ Roman Catholic HS

8.3%
Percent wage increase for the teachers over the three years.

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Obama offers $3T debt plan, tax hikes on rich

Republicans balk, but Obama says he won't support one-sided deal Lays out ideas to save postal service

President Barack Obama laid out a $3 trillion plan yesterday to cut U.S. deficits by raising taxes on the rich, but Republicans rejected it as a political stunt and made clear the proposal has little chance of becoming law.

Vowing to veto any plan that relies solely on spending cuts to reduce deficits, the Democratic president's recommendations set the stage for an ideological fight with Republicans opposed to tax increases that will stretch through Election Day 2012.

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"I will not support any plan that puts all the burden of closing our deficit on ordinary Americans," Obama said. "We are not going to have a one-sided deal that hurts the folks who are most vulnerable."

Obama's speech reflected a more aggressive defense of Democratic principles after he took a battering in two previous budget battles with Republicans this year that helped drive his approval rating to new lows.

Most Americans say they are unhappy with Obama's economic leadership, and the president's re-election hopes could hinge on his ability to convince voters that Republicans represent the rich, not the middle class.

Yesterday, he repeatedly said all Americans must pay their "fair share" of taxes, and he sharpened the difference between his vision for America and that of Republicans in a speech meant to regain support among core supporters who have said Obama has failed to stick to liberal principles. REUTERS

No more mail on Saturday?

WASHINGTON. The Obama administration's plan to rescue the U.S. Postal Service would allow the agency to end Saturday mail delivery and sell nonpostal products, according to documents released yesterday.

The plan also would restructure a massive annual payment to prefund retiree health benefits and refund $6.9 billion the mail carrier says it overpaid into a federal retirement fund.

The White House says its plan would save the postal service more than $20 billion in the next few years. REUTERS

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Netflix. Changes

▶ Netflix's signature red envelopes will soon bear the name Qwikster.

Netflix renames its DVD business

Top video rental company Netflix Inc. will rename its DVD-by-mail business Qwickster and split it off to a separate website, sparking a new round of customer complaints and concern by some analysts that customers might drop the service. The DVD-by-mail business Qwikster will also offer video games. REUTERS

Fannie, Freddie to charge higher mortgage fees

RALEIGH, N.C. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the U.S.'s two largest mortgage finance providers, are expected to increase the fees they charge lenders in the next year, their federal regulator said yesterday.

The "guarantee fees" that the two government-owned companies charge would be increased in order to lessen the companies' long-term exposure to risk, said Edward DeMarco, acting director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

The two firms do not directly make loans. They provide financing to banks and lenders by purchasing mortgages and either keeping them on their books or packaging them for sale to investors. Those investors pay Fannie and Freddie a "guarantee fee" when they buy mortgages. REUTERS

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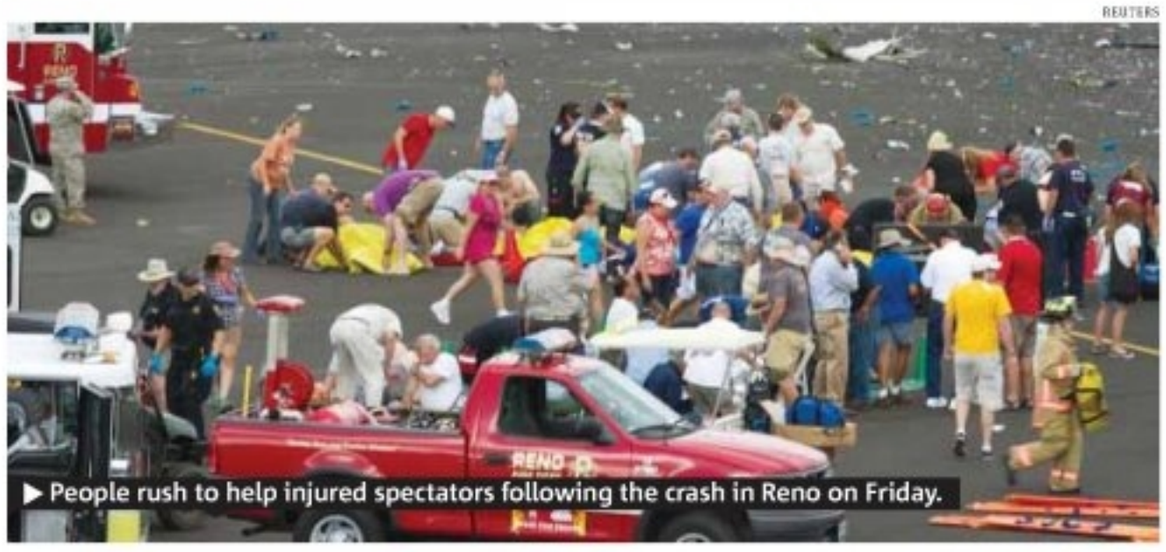

▶ People rush to help injured spectators following the crash in Reno on Friday.

10th person dies following air race crash

RENO, NEV. A 10th person has died from injuries sustained when a World War II-era fighter crashed near the grandstands at a Nevada air race last week, a hospital said on Monday.

The identity of the latest victim was not released by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno, where one patient from the accident at an air field near Reno remains in critical condition and another six are listed as serious.

Three people were still in critical condition at Renown Regional Medical Center, according to a statement by that hospital. REUTERS

PETA to launch porn site

NEW YORK. An animal rights group, which is no stranger to attention-grabbing campaigns featuring nude women, plans to launch a pornography website to raise awareness about veganism.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said it hopes to publicize veganism through a mix of pornography and graphic footage of animal suffering. REUTERS

Universities are struggling against financial blows

Public and private universities across the United States have been struggling with endowment losses, thin liquidity, declining gifts, reduced state help and resistance to tuition hikes since 2008, Moody's Investors Services said yesterday.

These problems have spurred an increase in rating activity, the credit agency said, but it added that "university ratings have been fairly stable overall."

The financial crisis ravaged many universities' endowments while the 2007-2009 recession devastated state revenue. Seeking to avoid reductions for primary and secondary schools, many states began cutting higher education funds. REUTERS

Good news

Demand for higher education continues, and endowments and balance sheets are strengthening again, Moody's said. So are donations.

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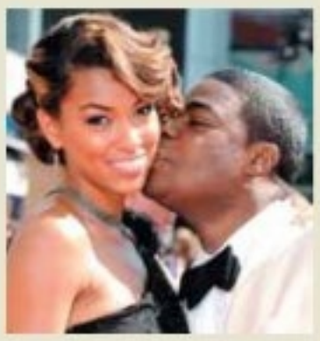
THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us



Morgan to be married

He might want to take her behind the middle school and get her pregnant, but **Tracy Morgan** is going to make girlfriend **Megan Wallover** his wife first. "We got engaged six months ago," the "30 Rock" star confirmed to E! News' Ryan Seacrest at the Emmys on Sunday. Wallover, who was by his side at the awards show, says despite Morgan's reputation for outlandish behavior, the proposal was quite traditional. "We were in San Francisco," Wallover told Seacrest. "It wasn't anything crazy. He was on bended knee."

Gracing us with even more hacked photos?

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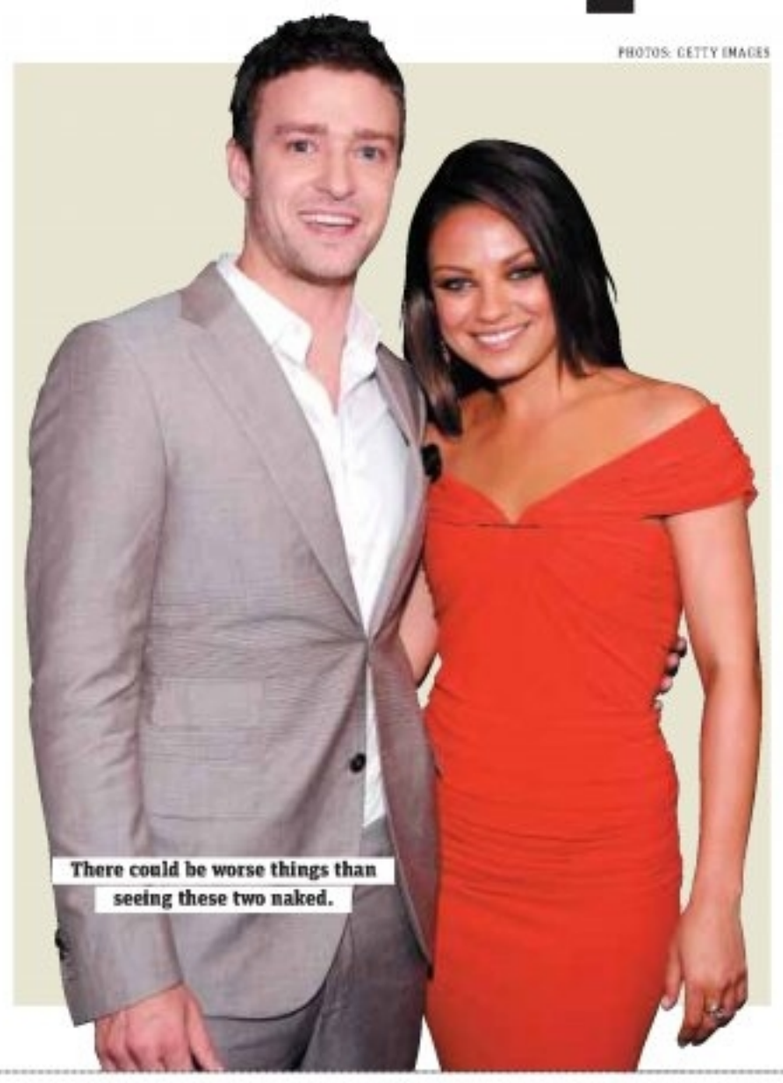

There could be worse things than seeing these two naked.

Days after reports that **Mila Kunis'** phone was hacked a la **Scarlett Johansson** (who would have thought **Rupert Murdoch** would be such a trendsetter?), the actress and her "Friends with Benefits" co-star, **Justin Timberlake**, are shrugging off rumors that several steamy photos of the pair were found, according to People magazine. "At no time did Mr. Timberlake and Ms. Kunis exchange inappropriate texts or e-mails," a joint statement from their reps reads. "The insistence that there is any inappropriate correspondence between the two parties is entirely false."

One of the alleged photos was said to be of Kunis in a bathtub, while another reportedly showed Timberlake with lingerie on his head. A third photo reportedly featured male genitalia. "We would like to confirm that the photo addressed in the media of Ms. Kunis was in fact not from any phone but from an inactive e-mail account that has not existed in three years," the statement reads. "In regards to the other photos in question, they were never exchanged between the two parties."

Welcome to your future: This trend of hacked celeb naked photos isn't going away. But what I don't get is why people have naked photos of themselves on their phone in the first place. This is a thing? Where do they put all the photos of cute dogs and baked goods? Forget Mila Kunis; I want someone to hack **Betty White**'s cell phone.

Talking points

Mayer cancels due to throat

John Mayer had to cancel several upcoming performances after being diagnosed with granuloma, an inflamed nodule near his vocal chords, he wrote on his Tumblr blog recently. "The record will be released next year instead of this fall or winter," Mayer says of his upcoming album. "This is a temporary setback, though I'm not sure how long or short a period of time it will be. I've got the best doctors in the country looking after me and I will be singing and touring again as soon as I get the all clear. Until then I'll be spending time writing and composing more music and kicking an empty soup can around the West Village."

▶ Mayer

Alec Baldwin's Emmy drama

Alec Baldwin bowing out of the Emmys on Sunday had nothing to do with a tiff over **Rupert Murdoch**-related humor. The actor had allegedly refused to take part in a comedy sketch for the awards show after a joke he planned to make about the News of the World phone-hacking scandal was nixed by the show's network, Fox. But Baldwin, who attended **Tony Bennett**'s birthday party in New York that night, insists that had nothing to do with it. "I skipped the Emmys because of this — because I wanted to be here," he told People magazine. "The Emmys have been in August for the last several years, but they moved to this date and I'd already committed to this." Baldwin said he planned to catch the awards show on YouTube the next day.

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DOROTHY ROBINSON'S WORD BLOG

Emmy viewers down for 2011

Viewership for the 2011 Primetime Emmy Awards fell 8 percent from last year to just over 12 million Americans who tuned in to watch Jane Lynch host the show, reports Reuters. If the early results from media research company Nielsen hold up, that would make Sunday's Emmys on Fox one of the least viewed telecasts of the past five years. Last year, 13.5 million viewers tuned in. Lynch received mixed reviews.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Olivia Wilde knows how to have a good time in Africa, Adrian Grenier is missing out on some nice endorsement money and Ariana Huffington is fascinated by the GOP.

▶ @oliviawilde
If I'm remembered for one thing in life, it may be my ability to start spontaneous dance parties. Kids under 5 always dominate. i love kenya

▶ @adriangrenier
I really want to tell you how amazing the airplane bfast was on @VirginAmerica but I'm afraid you'll think I was paid :/ though I wasn't!

▶ @ariannahuff
Have to say, with 15 million jobless, didn't see it coming that GOP nomination would hinge on HPV vaccine.

Adrien Grenier

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Someone got a hair cut and other observations

▶ **1:** First things first: What in the world did Alec Baldwin do to his hair? Here is the newly coiffed actor at Tony Bennett's 85th Birthday Gala Benefit for Exploring the Arts at The Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday in New York City.

▶ **2:** Here is one of the more terrifying photos we've ever published: Illusionists (and plastic surgery aficionados) Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn were photographed during a keg-tapping celebration at the kickoff of Hofbrauhaus Las Vegas' eighth annual Oktoberfest on Saturday in Las Vegas. Ah!

▶ **3:** Chris Brown performed during his F.A.M.E. tour at the Verizon Center on Saturday in Washington, D.C.

▶ **4:** Christina Hendricks and her extreme cleavage attended the HP Touchsmart Gift Lounge backstage at the Nokia Theatre, in celebration of the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards Sunday in L.A.

▶ **5:** Actress Helen Mirren attended "The Debt" (that's "Eine offene Rechnung" in German, just FYI) screening on Sunday in Berlin.

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Ups and downs

'The Secret Circle'

Can The CW strike supernatural soap gold twice? Probably. Here they tap another one of "The Vampire Diaries" author L.J. Smith's best-selling series of novels — this one about witches — for angsty teen drama magnified by magic. Britt Robertson ("Life Unexpected") stars as the regular girl who discovers her powers when she moves to a town whose residents have descended from powerful witches. We're already under its spell. **(Thursdays, 9 p.m., The CW)**

'Hart of Dixie'

Through a series of thoroughly unbelievable circumstances, Zoe Hart — a jaded, privileged New Yorker who graduated top of her class from med school — finds herself and her Louboutins in Bluebell, Ala., where she's forced to take a job at a small medical practice. Zoe insults every so-called backwoods yokel she meets, which is probably supposed to speak to her spunky personality. It really just translates to entitled jerk. **(Premieres Sept. 26 at 9 p.m. on The CW.)**

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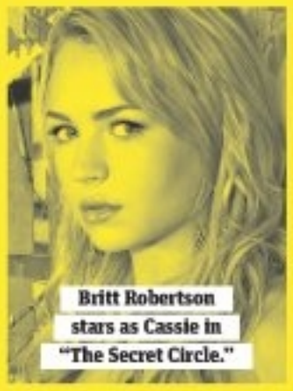

Britt Robertson stars as Cassie in "The Secret Circle."

Rachel Bilson stars as Dr. Zoe Hart in "Hart of Dixie."

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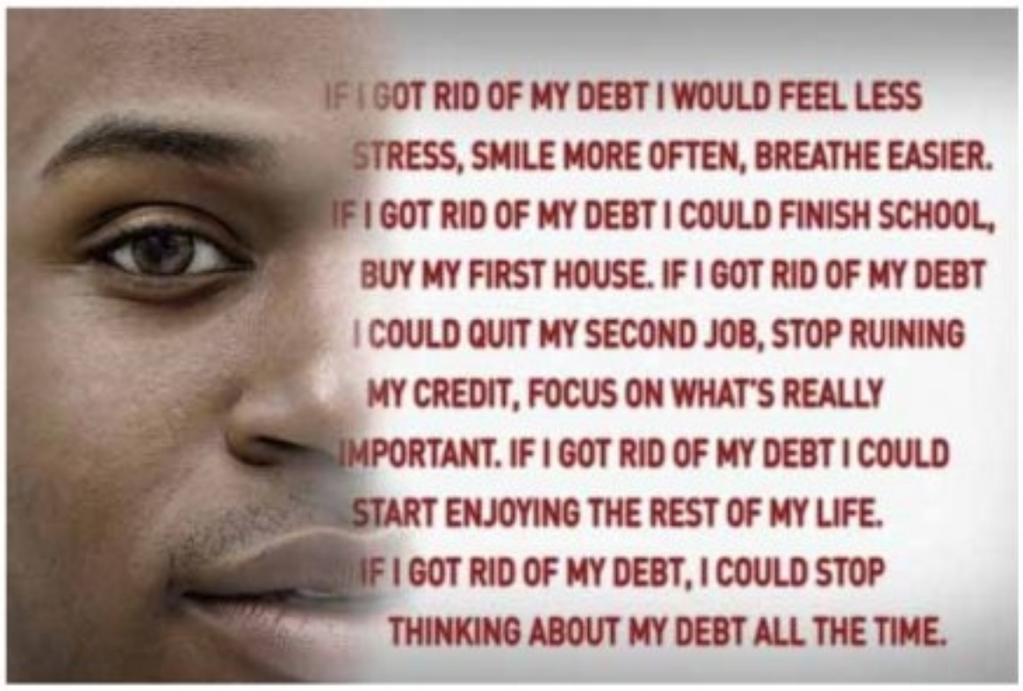

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Double the pleasure

- In her return to network television, Sarah Michelle Gellar plays twins
- How technology filming 'Ringer' has changed since her 'Buffy' days

The schedule

MONDAY (as of Sept. 26)

- 8-9 p.m. "Gossip Girl"
- 9-10 p.m. "Hart of Dixie"

TUESDAY

- 8-9 p.m. "90210"
- 9-10 p.m. "Ringer"

WEDNESDAY

- 8-9 p.m. "H8R"
- 9-10 p.m. "America's Next Top Model"

THURSDAY

- 8-9 p.m. "The Vampire Diaries"
- 9-10 p.m. "The Secret Circle"

FRIDAY

- 8-9 p.m. "Nikita"
- 9-10 p.m. "Supernatural"

Fans of Sarah Michelle Gellar have double the reason to tune in to her new drama on The CW, "Ringer." In this relationship-driven thriller, the former "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" star plays identical twins — Bridget, a former addict who is on the run after witnessing a murder, and Siobhan, a New York City socialite with a seemingly perfect life. When Siobhan goes missing after the estranged sisters had just begun to reconcile, Bridget assumes her twin's identity, only to learn Siobhan was hiding a few dark secrets of her own.

Gellar's got a clear favorite: "Whoever has the best wardrobe at the time," she jokes. Of course, it's a little more complex than Gucci versus Gap. Gellar relates playing the sisters to parenting children since "you have to love each one individually and understand [the one you're playing at the time]," she explains. "So when I'm Bridget, I feel that all of Bridget's motivations are hers and Siobhan is wrong. And when I'm Siobhan, everything Bridget does is wrong. I try to get into the head of each of them."

"[Bridget's] not saving the world. She's just trying to save herself. But I do get to hold a gun a lot, which is cool because Buffy never got a gun."
SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR

Actingwise, it's not a new challenge for the 34-year-old, who played multiple characters in "Buffy" using the "old-school split screen" method. But technology has come a long way since that supernatural series went off the air in 2003.

"There's so much more that's available now between face replacement and the stop motion cameras," Gellar enthuses. "So during the pilot, we played with all of them like kids with new toys to figure out what works best."

But, she stresses, "Ringer" isn't all about fancy camerawork. "Ultimately what you find is, even though there is all this technology, you want the heart of the scene, and the heart of the scene is two people talking to each other. So we try, each time the twins are together, and do one shot where they touch each other or they cross over each other. But on the whole, it's more about the communication."

Tune in

"Ringer" airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on The CW.

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▶ Sarah Michelle Geller stars as Siobhan Martin/Bridget Kelly on "Ringer."

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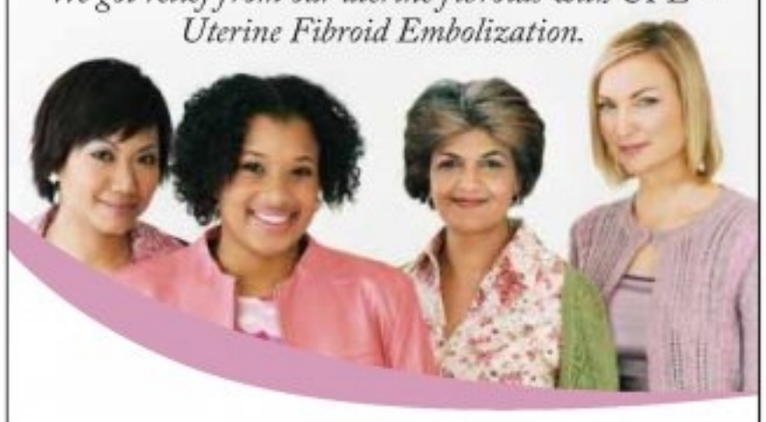

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Series premiere, 9 p.m., Fox

'Unforgettable'

DRAMA. The twist in this otherwise by-the-books procedural is that former detective Carrie Wells (Poppy Montgomery) has hyperthymesia, a rare condition that allows her to remember everything. Carrie's back to solving crimes when her neighbor is killed, which prompts lots of flashbacks to the night of her own sister's murder — the only thing Carrie can't recall.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., CBS

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Defending a monster

John Wayne Gacy's lawyer writes a book about defending one of the most notorious serial killers ever

Before Casey Anthony or O.J. Simpson, there was a "trial of the century" which was arguably more grotesque than the other two combined, especially when considering the body count. In 1980, Chicago-suburb native John Wayne Gacy was found guilty of murdering 33 teenage boys and young men, with 27 of the bodies excavated from a crawl space under his own home, after a police officer detected the scent of rotting flesh.

As publicly despised as Gacy was, he had the right to a lawyer and the man to defend him was Sam Amirante. After more than 30 years, the man now known as Judge Amirante is breaking his silence about the infamous case, co-writing the book "John Wayne Gacy: Defending a Monster" with Danny Broderick.

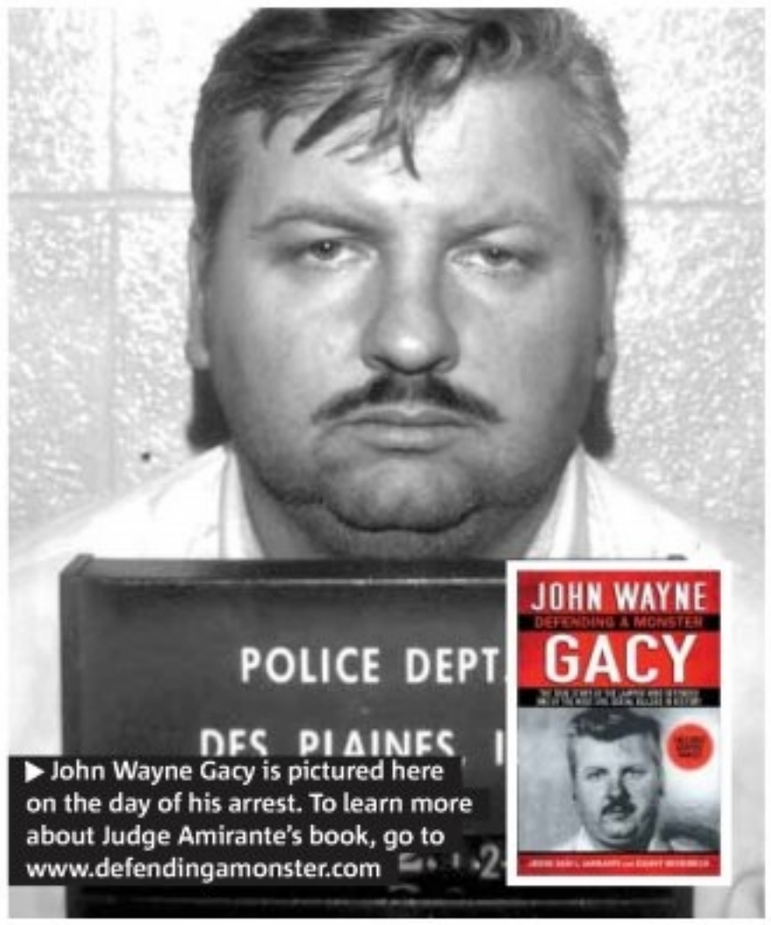
"I really think the guy wanted to stop the killing, but he just didn't know how to do it."
JUDGE SAM L. AMIRANTE

"I wanted to set the record straight," Amirante says of the book, in which he outlines the insanity defense he used for Mr. Gacy. "I am going to … answer the question that I have been asked for 30 years: How can I represent a guy like that? There is kind of like a 400-page answer to that question."

Amirante explains that it was his duty to uphold Gacy's constitutional right to a fair trial.

In the book, Amirante and Broderick take pains to demystify the man who has been known as the "Clown Killer" since, prior to the revelations of his violent behavior, was known to dress as a clown and visit sick children in the hospital. Amirante and Broderick paint a much more nuanced picture.

"[Charles] Manson emanates evil and craziness," Broderick explains. "Gacy wasn't like that. Gacy was more of a pudgy, uncoordinated, sort of not-scary guy."



▶ John Wayne Gacy is pictured here on the day of his arrest. To learn more about Judge Amirante's book, go to www.defendingamonster.com

Regrets? I've had a few

"One of the problems Gacy had was he couldn't keep his mouth shut at the beginning," says Amirante, since Gacy confessed his crimes to the police when he was first arrested, only to deny knowing anything about the murders after he was found guilty. Though Gacy was finally executed by lethal injection in 1994, Amirante says his regrets about how he handled the case are minimal.

"We didn't leave a stone unturned," he says. "I don't lose any sleep because I know that I did the best that I could for the guy and that's what lawyers have to do."

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Beefing up your résumé without a full-blown degree

Continuing education programs can keep you fresh in between jobs Field of paralegal studies growing

Whether you're looking to improve prospects in your current career or switch to a new one, consider a continuing education program.

Jim Kane, director of continuing studies at Villanova University, says noncredit classes can help students beef up their résumés without a huge investment of time and money.

"'Noncredit' just means it doesn't count toward a [bachelor's or master's] degree," Kane emphasizes. "These programs can lead to direct career benefits, including more money and better opportunities."

The pursuit of continuing studies provides a good route for people looking to enter a new career.

One growing career field is substance abuse counseling — the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects it to be one of the top 10 growth fields over the next five years. Villanova's program prepares people who already have bachelor's degrees to take the Pennsylvania state exam.

Paralegal studies is also a field with strong job growth. "We have students who do it as a stepping stone to law school," Kane says. "But we have many others who know there are more jobs for paralegals than lawyers these days."

Another reason to go back to school is to study for a career that didn't exist when you were in school the first time, according to Kane.

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▶ Going back to school could land you a job at a law office.

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Keep learning

If you're between jobs, Kane advises that you should use the time to pick up new skills. "In this economy, people who don't are negatively impacted," he says. "In an interview, they'll want to know what you've been doing to improve your skill set."

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Tales of career change plentiful

Pierce College students on the ins and outs of going back to school Why they wanted to earn degrees How to get started and manage your schedule

Why study at Pierce

Melissa Morris has had a great career working for nonprofits, helping people on a one-on-one basis. "But I realized I kept running into the same barriers, year after year, regardless of what organization I was working for,"

she says. "I want to help people in a bigger, more meaningful way."

She's changing her career focus by tackling a paralegal program at Peirce. "I may want to go to law school eventually; but in the meantime, having paralegal certification will let me start working in the field while I figure out what area of law I want to pursue," she says.

Morris chose Peirce because the program is ABA-certified. She also likes the emphasis on networking — in and out of the classroom.

Felicia Roton enjoys working as a waitress and appreciates the flexible schedule that lets her be there for her two daughters. Her fluctuating income makes it hard to budget, though, and physically it's not a job she wants to do forever.

So she went back to school, and is only a few months away from an accounting degree from Peirce.

It's been a challenge — she juggles family, work, classes, an internship and her role as secretary of the school's chapter of the Delta Mu Delta honor society. "But my goal is to better myself," Roton says. "There's a major purpose to all the insanity."

She's already started interviewing for post-graduation jobs. "The career office is amazing; they've given me help with things like my résumé and my interview wardrobe. They've also given me the confidence to put myself out there," she says.

Roton's advice

- Keep persevering, you'll get there!
- Time management is crucial. Don't just make a to-do list; prioritize it.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help from your family and from people at school.
- Start by taking a single class: It will get you on your way.

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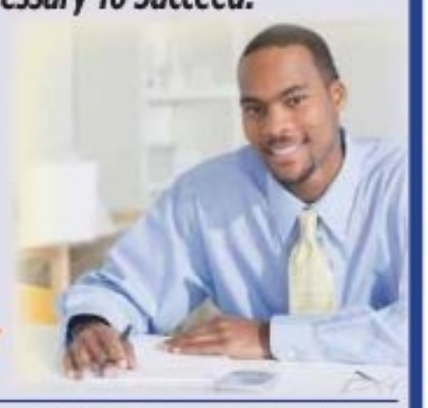

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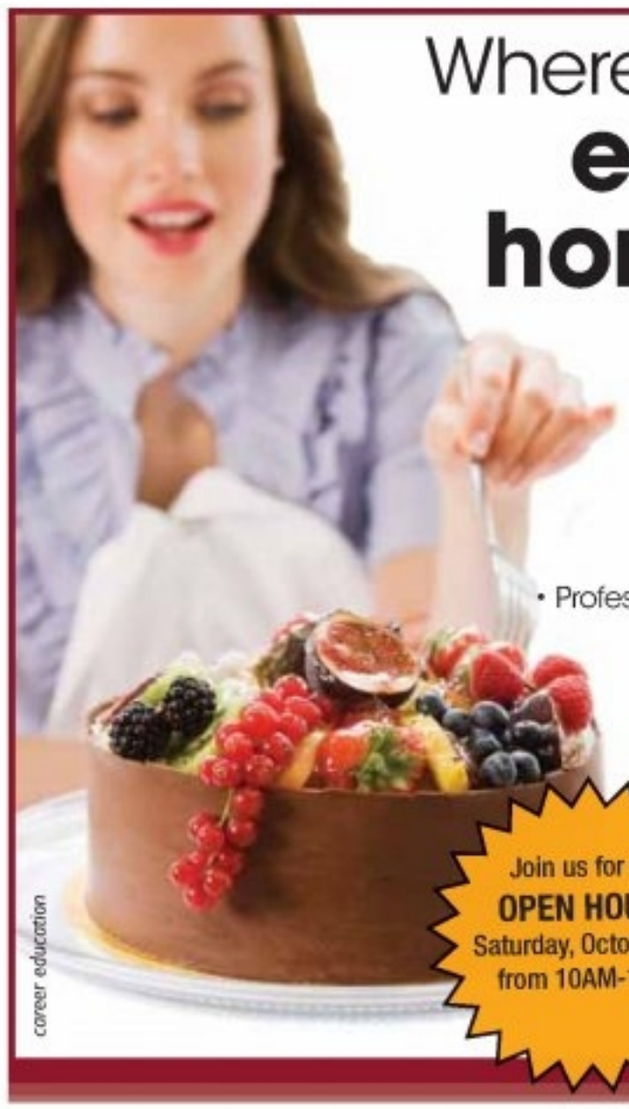

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Gardner

Unemployed? Student claims it's the perfect time for change

Pierce College student Bonnie Gardner found unemployment to be the ideal opportunity to finish her bachelor's degree How she's advancing her career outside the classroom

Bonnie Gardner is looking at unemployment as an opportunity.

"I've wanted to finish my bachelor's ever since I got my associate's in 2007," she says. "But I've just had too much going on." Soon after she was laid off last spring, though, she attended a career development event for Peirce alumni. "It helped me get clear that I need to complete my degree."

She's now in her third seven-week term, working toward a bachelor's degree in business management with a concentration in human resources. In addition to classes, she's doing an internship with the Cancer Support Community of Philadelphia. "Since I worked in corporate philanthropy for most of my career, it's interesting to see fundraising and development from the other side," she says. "It's a great opportunity to see if that's what I'll want to do."

Gardner's advice

- Don't give up.
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RE: "GOP CRITICIZES OBAMA'S IDEA TO TAX MILLIONAIRES": President Barack Obama wants to end Bush-era tax cuts that he extended to get the Congressional GOP on board to pass extending unemployment benefits to millions of Americans last year. Obama was pressured into that move in order to help the American people pay their bills until employers started hiring again. Now the GOP have to give America a better reason why the 1 percent are not paying their fair share.
ANTONIO BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

Welcome to our nightmare

RE: "THIS WEEKEND ON THE STAGE AND RED CARPET": Regarding number three, the reason that Ke$ha and Alice Cooper were onstage together is that Ke$ha performs the song "What Baby Wants" with Alice on his new album "Welcome 2 My Nightmare," the sequel to the 1975 classic.
BRAD KALMANSON, VIA E-MAIL

Same old song and dance

"Don't tax the job-creators," "supply-side economics" and "trickle-down theory" are different euphemisms for the same economic model that has not helped the average American family. The benefits gained from these policies can be easily evaluated by assessing their impact on the nation's populace: The rich are getting richer, the middle class is shrinking and the gap between the two is ever widening.
GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

History lesson on the ladies

RE: "PLAYBOY, BEHIND THE SCENES": Women weren't able to go to school or buy homes in the '60s? Either Naturi Naughton's quote in the Playboy Club article was badly edited or Ms. Naughton has a serious gap in her knowledge of history.
STEVE BURSTYN, VIA E-MAIL

Keep the pants on, gentlemen

RE: "EVERYONE'S A BIG HYPOCRITE": Women endure pregnancy and birth and devote their entire lives to raising their children. I'm sure Mr. Couch and Ms. Hasselbeck are among those who don't think women should get any help from government to do this. So women have the final say: It's their bodies. If men find this distressing, then they should keep their pants on! **KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Even though neither you nor a pal would want to take advantage of the other, doing business with a friend is not such a good idea. Unintended consequences could occur.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Do not allow your desires and expectations to exceed your reach. If your objectives are far beyond your capabilities, the disappointment you would experience could be mammoth.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Obstacles you encounter on your path are likely to be of your own making, things that you failed to clear out in the past. Unfortunately, life has a way of catching up with us.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Unless you are on your toes, you could manipulate yourself into feeling forced to take a position that opposes the majority. You won't like it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Go it alone if possible, because you are likely to be far more successful in your independent endeavors than you will in involvements that require a collective effort.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Unpleasant tasks could be made even more distasteful if you approach them with a negative attitude.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It's important to maintain control over all-important personal matters, because things could quickly go astray in situations where you have to delegate assignments to others.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Even if you're not in the mood to put up with nonsense, it behooves you to pamper people — or at the very least, to refrain from challenging them regardless of how you feel.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You've heard it before: "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." Regardless of how well intended it is, criticism will be resented.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Though you're a bit of a risk-taker to begin with, this trait might be emphasized to your detriment if you're not careful. Be extra cautious and don't take chances where you shouldn't.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** There is nothing wrong with being a bit protective of your own interests — but take heed not to do it in ways that others find offensive. They're apt to take countermeasures.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You shouldn't allow others to palm off their responsibilities to you. If you give an inch, they're likely to take several feet. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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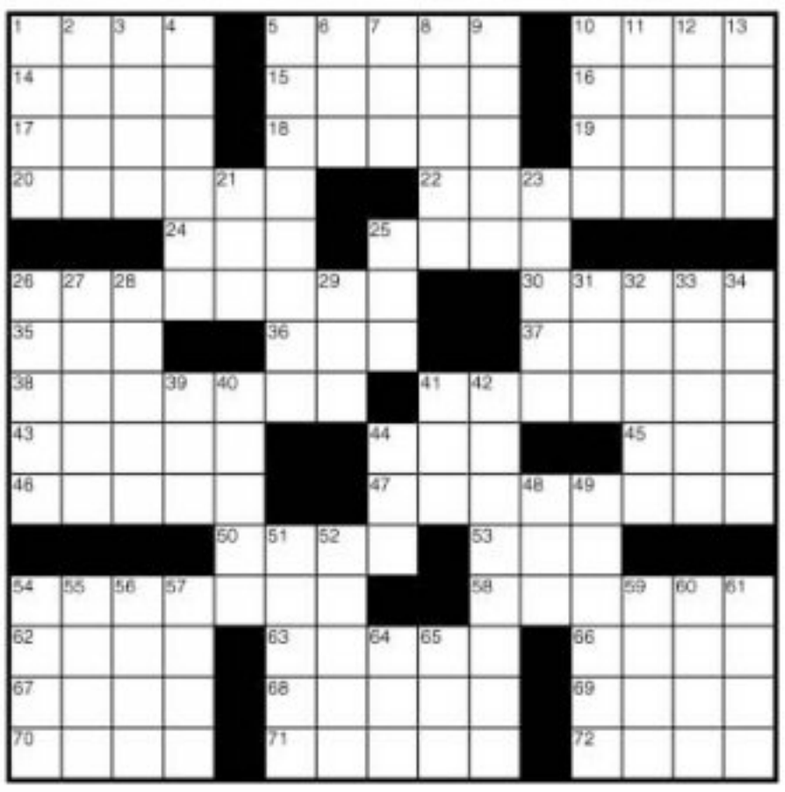

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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI
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REID WILL NEVER WIN A SUPER BOWL

Contrary to popular belief, the Eagles didn't lose Sunday night because Mike Vick got hurt, or because Michael Turner broke a big run for 61 yards, or because Tony Gonzalez caught two touchdown passes.

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The Eagles lost because of a tired, wrong-headed philosophy created by coach Andy Reid. According to a man who has failed 12 times to win the Super Bowl, offensive linemen are interchangeable, linebackers are not essential personnel and safeties are an extravagance. In Reid's world, quarterbacks are supreme, followed by cornerbacks, running backs and then wide receivers and pass rushers. The rest of the positions don't matter.

It is a story so often told, there's almost no reason to repeat it now. Reid is convinced he knows best, even though all of the evidence says otherwise. When he was collecting great cornerbacks and running backs in the post-lockout free-agent frenzy, the coach never considered the idea of balancing the team.

So when Vick got pancaked between a collapsing pocket and his own overmatched right tackle, Todd Herremans, no one should have been surprised. If anything, the Eagles should have been relieved that their $100 million quarterback was not pronounced dead — at least not yet.

If you'd like to see a textbook case of a middle linebacker getting swallowed whole, watch the run by Turner. Casey Matthews looks like he's auditioning for "Dancing with the Stars" as he foxtrots down the field with tackle Tyson Clabo before flopping on his stomach. This just in: Matthews can't play.

Quoted

"The Eagles lost because of a tired, wrong-headed philosophy created by Andy Reid."

The most infuriating part of Sunday's collapse was the spectacular performance by Gonzalez. Three years ago, the Eagles were close to a trade with Kansas City, but pulled out when the Chiefs insisted on a second-round draft pick instead of the No. 3 being offered. For the record, the Eagles' second-round pick this year was Jaiquawn Jarrett, who did not dress for the game.

Even worse is the memory of Brain Dawkins, who was so devalued by Reid that he ended up in Denver. Dawkins made one big mistake: He chose a position that bores Reid.

After the game Sunday, Reid said he had to do a better job. What he didn't say — and didn't have to say — was that he has no intention of following through on that hollow promise. So, stay tuned for an exciting season filled with bone-crunching hits on Vick and touchdowns galore by just about any tight end facing the Eagles.

Andy Reid just doesn't get it. And that's why he will never win a Super Bowl.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 610 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

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Phillies manager is simply on a roll

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▶ This man isn't speaking to Angelo Cataldi.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel just completed his finest week of the 2011 season, and one of the best in his seven-year tenure here. Not only did his team clinch its fifth straight division title, but he led the way with some dynamic decisions.

First, he shut (slammed?) the clubhouse door in Houston last Wednesday after a rare third straight loss, and reminded his players that playing the game the right way is essential. Now, this would seem to be an obvious insight, but not so in this era of jogging to first and posing at the plate.

And especially not so for Manuel, who has nurtured his relationship with players with a jovial style. For him to dress down the troops with some harsh words in the final weeks of a historic season was both surprising and encouraging.

Then Manuel got angry after being asked again about resting his veterans. "When you give somebody between $5 million and $25 million, ... you don't give it to him to sit on the bench." Amen.

The manager capped his great week by blowing me off. That's right, he bumped into me before a speaking engagement in Atlantic City. I yelled out to him. He grimaced back. We haven't spoken for years, and his expression said it will be decades. Some people would be insulted by a snub like that. I was impressed. Charlie Manuel really is on a roll.

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▶ Good enough for Joe, not good enough for the Mets.

Old men leaders killing baseball

Major League Baseball is getting crushed by the NFL, creating new buzz that America's Pastime truly is past its time. And there's a very good reason for the gap in popularity: The people who run baseball are both clueless and out of touch.

The latest blow came last week when Joe Torre, the executive VP of baseball operations, stupidly informed the Mets that they should not wear hats honoring the fire and police departments of New York City on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Why? Because it was very important that all 30 teams follow the exact same rules.

That Torre wore the caps himself a decade ago made no difference. In fact, several Mets players said they were threatened with historic fines if they violated the edict — an allegation both Torre and equally brainless commissioner Bud Selig denied.

Some players wanted to honor the many heroes of 9/11. MLB preferred that players wear special caps with an American flag embossed on the side — caps that were immediately put on sale.

Two predictions: First, because of the fan reaction, MLB will allow the hats to be worn on Sept. 11, 2012. And second, MLB will only fall further behind the NFL as long as senile old men are in charge.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 **Something is wrong with Antonio Bastardo.** You read it here first. The Phillies reliever has been terrible for two weeks now, and the team keeps telling us there's no physical problem with him. Just like there was no problem with Chase Utley, Brad Lidge and Joe Blanton? Yeah ... exactly.

2 **He's just not very good with the red flag.** Andy Reid said yesterday that he never got to see a replay before deciding not to challenge a dropped interception by the Falcons on Sunday night. OK, let's say he did get to see the replay. What are the odds he actually would have gotten this one right?

3 **Yum ... paper.** If Danny Watkins becomes a Pro Bowler, I will eat this newspaper. The Eagles keep telling us it's just a matter of time until he begins to show his prowess on the line. Not a chance. In fact, all three top picks from the most recent draft are not playing at all. Even worse, Casey Matthews *is* playing.

No time frame yet on quarterback's return

Eagles coy on Vick's status for Giants game, beyond
Backup situation unclear with Young recovering

Getting back on the field

Even after he's healthy, Vick will have to clear a few procedural hurdles before coming back.

- **At some point,** Vick will visit an independent neurologist and undergo ImPACT testing.
- **According to NFL rules,** he can't practice until he completes and clears all testing.
- **"Rest is one of the vital things we can give him,"** Eagles head athletic trainer Rick Burkholder said. "We try not to tax his brain or anything. We will go through protocol."

There might be another Mike under center this week for the Eagles.

As the team's medical staff continues to go through the proper concussion protocols, the status of starting quarterback Mike Vick is still uncertain. Head athletic trainer Rick Burkholder wouldn't even put a time frame on when all the required testing would be done.

"That's foolish on our part medically to put a time frame out there," Burkholder said yesterday. "We're going to go through our protocol, and when Mike's ready to practice, I'm going to turn him over to Coach."

"That's foolish on our part, medically, to put a time frame out there."

EAGLES HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER RICK BURKHOLDER, ON MIKE VICK'S PLAYING STATUS

Coach Andy Reid didn't rule out Vick playing against the Giants, even if he misses practice this week. But Reid wouldn't name a new starter if Vick isn't ready. Vince Young is listed as the backup, but he hasn't dressed the past two weeks as he continues to recover from a hamstring injury. Third-stringer Mike Kafka relieved Vick on Sunday, going 7-for-9 for 72 yards.

"We'll see how all that goes," Reid said. "I haven't gotten to that point."

Yesterday, Vick was resting and no decision had been made on whether he would have an MRI.

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▶ Mike Vick hasn't been ruled out for Sunday's game.

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Pfeffer: 16 and a soccer professional for Philly

◗ Union's first 'Home Grown' player recently got his driver's license, first start in MLS ◗ Splits time between duties as high school student, player

Zach Pfeffer only recently got his driver's license.

He spends the mornings attending classes at Upper Dublin High School in Dresher, about 40 minutes from PPL Park. He spends the evenings doing his homework for school.

He also studies for his other duty — playing professional soccer for the Philadelphia Union.

The 16-year-old Pfeffer, the club's first "Home Grown" player, earned his first career start in last Saturday's 1-0 victory over the Columbus Crew. Pfeffer nearly scored in the 42nd minute.

Starting and playing 61 minutes with a standing room-only crowd of 19,906 looking on was simply incredible.

"I felt great," Pfeffer said. "It was an enjoyable game, and my teammates helped me out a lot."

Pfeffer obviously impressed the technical staff with his recent play and was rewarded with playing time in a huge league match.

"I think he was nervous as soon as he saw his name on the board," coach Peter Nowak said. "He sensed he might start a game. During practice, he was very good. He was playing with the first team. I think everyone welcomed him in very well, and the 60 minutes he played was good stuff."

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Zach Pfeffer, 16, is an Upper Dublin High student ... and a pro player for the Union.

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Rivera's latest milestone occurred 15 years and 125 days since his first save.

"That means you're old," Rivera said. "I have done it for 15 years. It's a blessing. I never thought I'd be doing this for so many years."

The mark was such a big deal to Yankee fans that they cheered wildly for Nick Swisher after he ended the eighth with a double play in a two-run game.

"When I saw that, I was like the fans are crazy," Rivera said. "But at the same time, I appreciated it."

"I didn't think I'd ever see the day for people to cheer for us to make out," manager Joe Girardi said. "It's hard to fathom, but obviously people came to the game today, it wasn't a scheduled game and they got a treat and it's been a real honor to be around Mo." LARRY FLEISHER

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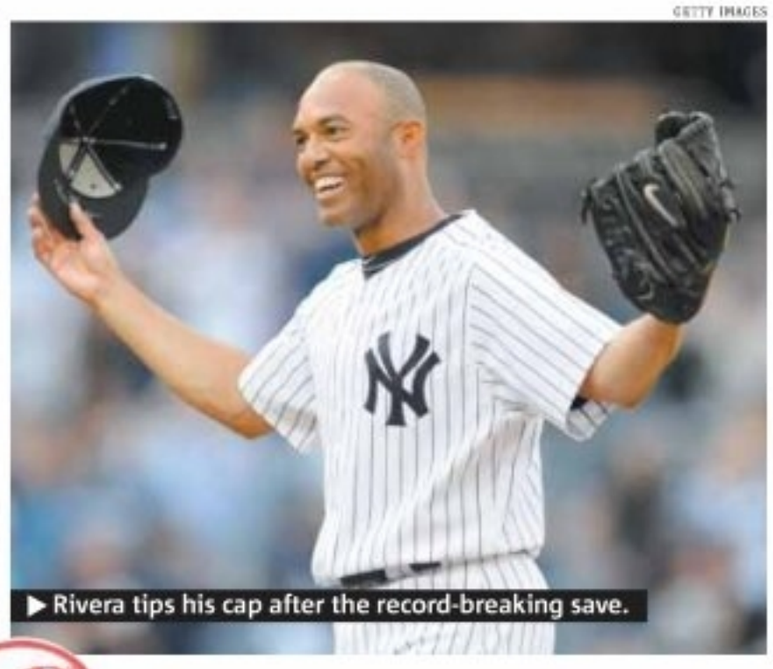

▶ Rivera tips his cap after the record-breaking save.

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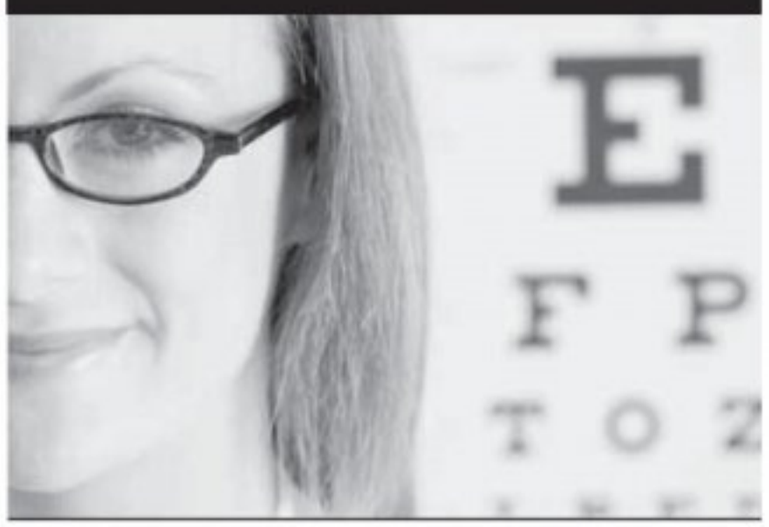

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▶ Dig in, Chilean style.

▶ Humitas, a South American staple, can be made savory, sweet or sweet and sour.

Five Chilean food specialties

1 **Chorrillana:** This dish is made with fried potatoes, finely chopped onion, sausage, steak and one or two fried eggs. Sure, it's rich in calories and cholesterol — but worth a try at least once in a lifetime. Created in the port of Valparaiso, it can be found mainly in traditional Chilean restaurants.

2 **Mote con huesillo:** This is the best dessert to quench your thirst, especially in hot weather. Sold all year in street carts, it is made with rehydrated dried peaches, wheat, water and molasses.

3 **Marisco seafood soup:** Fried fish is the king of all dishes, especially during the summer. However, if you want to eat seafood through the year, there is marisco soup. It's usually made with hake, mussels, onion and garlic cloves, but on the coast, the dish is offered with bread, milk and parsley.

4 **Humitas:** One of the oldest Chilean dishes, humitas comprises the pulp of corn, onion, garlic and basil, and it's wrapped with corn leaves. It's usually served sprinkled with sugar or with tomato slices.

5 **Pebre:** This condiment is a must for barbecues. The sauce is prepared with onions, coriander, garlic, oil, salt and hot pepper. It is served to season the meat, salads or the typical Choripan (sausage in bread).

DANIELA ASTORECA
METRO WORLD NEWS IN CHILE

Where to eat

Los Adobes de Argomedo (www.losadobesdeargomedo.cl) is the place to enjoy traditional food including roasts, casserole and corn or potato pie. This large restaurant always has a festive atmosphere, thanks to hosting "huasos," Chilean cowboy shows.

If you want to try any seafood dish, **Central Market (www.mercadocentral.cl)** in the capital of Santiago, is place to go. With stalls selling fresh produce, it's also home to more than 70 restaurants that serve dishes from the different regions.

Also try:

Pine empanadas

While empanadas can be found in several countries of Latin America, the pine one is completely Chilean.

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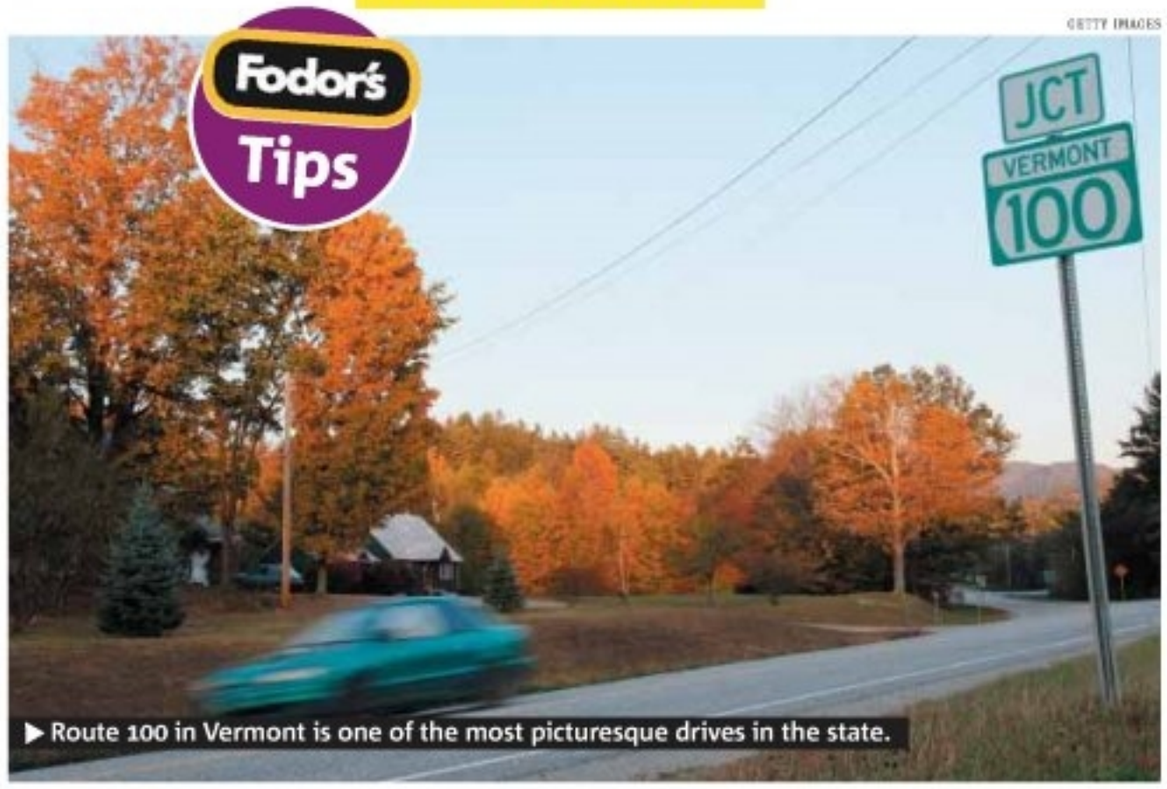

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▶ Route 100 in Vermont is one of the most picturesque drives in the state.

One of the most effective and fun ways to shop for antiques and crafts in New England is to hop in the car and drive through sleepy, scenic towns. On several key shopping routes in New England, stretches of road are absolutely packed with shops. If you have wheels, try these routes.

Route 100, Vermont

One of the most picturesque drives in the Green Mountain State, this winding road goes north from Wilmington all the way up to Stowe. You'll pass craft studios, general stores (like the Vermont Country Store in Weston) and plenty of red barns and covered bridges.

Route 7, Berkshire County, Massachusetts

Practically the entire route is chock-a-block with antiques stores. The Berkshire County Antiques Dealers Association publishes a handy guide to the various shops. Key Western Massachusetts shopping towns include Great Barrington, Sheffield and Lenox.

Main Street, Putnam, Connecticut

Most of the town has a stuck-in-time quality, so it's a great place to spend the day in the northeastern part of the state. The majority of antique stores are clustered around Main Street and its offshoots. Start your hunt at the massive Antiques Marketplace.

Also visit

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